



### A vibrant, artistic home that:

- Engages young people, families and adults,
- Celebrates the fundamental role of the arts in our community and
- Explores the collaboration of artists and audience.

Tempe Center for the Arts values accessibility, diversity, creativity and innovation.

### We realize our mission through:

- Innovative programming that enriches, enlightens, inspires and expands the artistic horizons of our community and
- An environment that supports the collaboration and exchange of diverse arts groups.

### A lakeside masterpiece

- The TCA is a unique visual and performing arts experience built by the community for the community. It will provide a professional-level venue in which local groups are expected to provide more than 75 percent of the overall programming.
- The center will offer a unique blending of arts and culture at a distinctive destination that features what few cities can boast – Town Lake's endless outdoor activities, the dining and nightlife of a vibrant downtown, a dynamic shopping venue and one of the nation's top universities.



### The Facility

The 88,000 square-foot facility will feature a theater, studio, gallery, banquet/meeting room, donor lounge, on-site, full-service box office, theatrical and administrative support areas, two dedicated catering areas, arts retail space, cocktail and barista bar and a 17-acre art park.

- **Theater** - At the heart of the TCA is a 600-seat performance hall able to accommodate dance, drama, small scale opera, musical theater, orchestral performances and solo recitals. The auditorium incorporates four seating levels - an orchestra level, parterre and two balconies. To the sides of the auditorium, boxes extend

and nearly connect to the stage. Above the forestage, an overhead grid allows suspension of scenery, lighting and sound equipment. A state-of-the-art computerized control system will offer maximum flexibility for theatrical lighting and the latest in audio-vidéo and communication systems technology.



- **Studio** - The 200-seat studio also is characterized by flexibility with two levels of surrounding space for technical staging or audience seating. It can be configured in a flat floor, thrust, arena, end stage or cabaret design or be fashioned as an art gallery. Overhead are a series of production catwalks, above which is a network of rigging beams allowing the suspension of scenery in any part of the room.

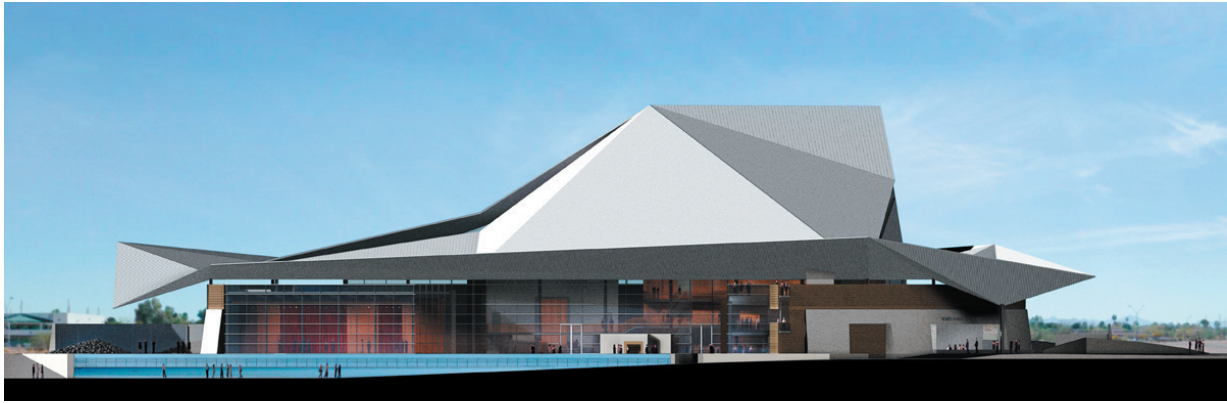


- **Gallery** - The main room for showcasing visual art is a 3,500 square-foot gallery that will engage visitors with both two- and three-dimensional artwork. A journey through the gallery will lead to an enclosed outdoor sculpture garden where larger artworks will be highlighted.



- **Lakeside Room** - A 3,400 square-foot meeting room will be available for banquets, weddings, receptions, rehearsals, poetry readings, lectures and much more.
- **Art Park** - A 17-acre art park will surround the center, complementing the breathtaking views of the adjoining Rio Salado and nearby Papago Mountains. Visitors can stroll lakeside paths that wind through the Rio Salado, enjoy a quiet moment at the Tempe Garden Club Pavilion or be entertained at events at the lakeside amphitheater.





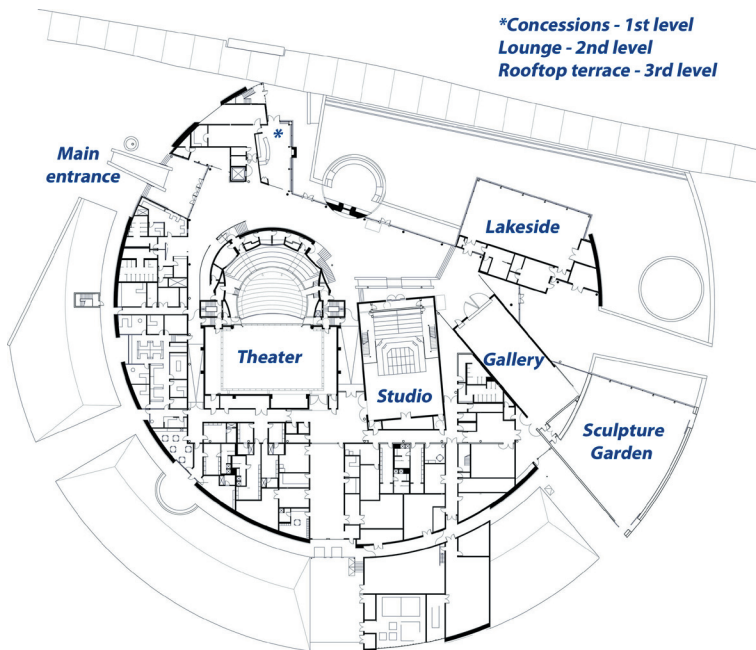
## Location

- The Tempe Center for the Arts is centrally located in the heart of the Phoenix Metropolitan area at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway – east of Priest Drive and Rio Salado Parkway on the south bank of Town Lake.

## Public art

- From a fire piece to lobby carpeting to a reflecting pool, the TCA celebrates the architecture, uses and unique location of the building through the commission of works by outstanding regional and national artists. A 5,700-square foot sculpture garden will be located outside of the gallery and will celebrate the rebirth and development of Rio Salado.

## Tempe Center for the Arts Plan



Each performance and exhibit area will have access for loading and unloading and will feature rooms for performers, support staff and storage.

## Performing arts partners

- The TCA will be “home” to the following local Tempe arts organizations: Actors’ Renaissance Theater, A Ludwig Dance, Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts, Childsplay, Desert Dance Theater, Tempe Community Chorus, Tempe Little Theatre and the Tempe Symphony Orchestra.

## Funding

- Tempe voters passed Proposition 400 in May 2000, which dedicated a 1/10 percent sales tax to provide funding for development, construction and operation of the center.
- Funding consists of \$63 million for the art center and \$2.7 million for the adjacent art park. The sales tax, estimated to generate \$65 to \$69 million capital project capacity for the facility and surrounding improvements, went into effect in January 2001.



## Volunteer opportunities

- The center will rely heavily upon volunteers to be serving as ushers, docents, ticket takers, gift shop attendants and more. If interested, send your name, telephone number and email address to [michelle\\_maclellennan@tempe.gov](mailto:michelle_maclellennan@tempe.gov).



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